step towards achieving the goal, it is proposed to carry out feasibility study and detailed engineering of the suitable road linkages after studying the entire road network connecting the Port.

(c) Consultancy assignment for feasibility study and detailed engineering related to Mumbai and Jawaharlal Nehru Port . in Maharastra, Calcutta and Haldia Port in West Bengal, New Mangalore Port in Karnataka, Toticorin Port in Tamil Nadu have been awarded. Consultancy assignments related to Cochin Port in Kerala, Paradip Port in Orissa are to be awarded shortly. Further scheduling will be based on finding of the feasibility studies.

Performance of major ports

4688. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any Programme this year for modernisation of all 11 Major Ports in India.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for Viskhapatnam Port for the modernisation and flotilla; and

(d) what is the achievement, percentage-wise of all 11 major ports with regard to cargo, container traffic and utilisation of funds for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Modernisation infrastructure development of Major Ports is an on going continuous process. The development programmes being undertaken at present lay emphasis on the following aspects aiming at enhancing standards of the Indian Major Ports and their productivity:

— Construction and equipping New Berths
— Acquisition of state of the art Equipment to match the emerging Cargo Mix
— Establishment of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
— Setting up of Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS)
— Labour Training . and Welfare
— Increased role of Private Sector
— Corporatisation of Major Ports

(c) Against an overall plan outlay of Rs. 138.40 crores, an amount of Rs. 82.70 crores has been earmarked for modernisation of equipment and floatilla in respect of Vishakhapatnam Port Trust during the year 2000-2001.

(d) Percentage-wise achievement of all Major Ports vis-a-vis target/ outlay in respect of total cargo handled, container traffic and utilisation of funds for the last five years is given below:

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Total Cargo Handled	106.6	105.7	106.2	97.6	105.4
Container Traffic	*	110.7	101.0	94.4	109.2
Plan Outlay	60.8	84.4	61.0	106.7	91.7
Utilisation					

*No separate taget was fixed for containerised cargo.

Construction of bridges on NHs in Uttar. Pradesh

4689. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bridges on the various National Highways constructed in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last five years and till date;

(b) the details of bridges proposed to be constructed during the next three years in the State; and

(c) the details of funds allocated and proposed to be allocated for the same during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Details of the bridges which are completed during last five years are given in the Annexure-*[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 120]

(b) It is too early to indicate the details of the bridges proposed to